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Microsoft deserves more than a slap on the wrist for its destructive abuse of its monopoly power.

Similar to the settlement against AT&T, Microsoft should become a government regulated Monopoly, until its market share drops to an acceptable level (40%, for example, assuming one of it's competitors is now also at 40%). This must be true for all Microsoft product lines, before regulation is lifted.

Microsoft's monopolistic practices cause the public to bear increased costs and deny them the products of the innovation that would otherwise be stimulated through competition.

It is my belief that a very strong set of strictures must be placed on convicted monopolists to insure that they are unable to continue their illegal activities. I do not think that the proposed settlement is strong enough to serve this function.

Sincerely,
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